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**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Riots Report**

FOR the most part, Government's report on the Kowloon riots will satisfy the public's conscience. In presentation it is completely objective; coldly unemotional; impressively factual.

It can be said that several of the conclusions reached in the report confirm opinions held by a substantial section of the community at the time of the riots—that they were spontaneous in origin and subsequently exploited by lawless elements; that there was never any foundation for the suggestion they were planned by a political organisation. To that extent the report completely answers and refutes the wild allegations made by the Communist press in Hong-kong and by Peking Radio.

One of the most disquieting disclosures made in the growing strength of Triad societies, more especially as they are in the main composed of gangsters and other types of criminals. These thugs played the leading role in promoting and sustaining the disorders and while some satisfaction can be derived from the fact that many of them have been rounded up by the police in consequence of the riots, the public are entitled to expect the authorities to step up the tempo of their campaign against these societies from now on.

THE plea is made that because deportation of Triad society members is no longer practicable, and that it is difficult to secure the co-operation of the public in testifying in the courts against these criminals, the police are frustrated in their efforts to stamp out the secret societies. The plea possesses validity; nevertheless these criminals cannot be allowed to hide behind the protection of official frustration and public inertia.

Undoubtedly much more could be done by the community to help the authorities eliminate the unlawful secret societies whose members prey on the public, are a constant menace to the preservation of law and order, and who seduce young people into a criminal way of life. With the ready co-operation of the public the Police could assuredly rid the community of these undesirable. It might well yield profitable results if the Authorities added to their campaign of apprehension a sustained endeavour through all mediums of publicity to win from the community the co-operation that is so sorely needed.

OPINIONS are bound to differ on the question of whether, when rioting resumed on the night of October 10, the military should have been called in to assist the police. But it is not easy to resist the arguments submitted in the official report justifying the decisions made at the time. Apart from other considerations it would be wrong and demoralising to instil in the minds of our police force that they are incapable of dealing with civil disturbances. Nonetheless the report makes it perfectly clear that they need to be better equipped for such a task.

The admission made in the Governor's despatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that several lessons were learned from the riots will not pass unnoticed by the public. The despatch mentions only two—the need for better communications and for greater mobility. One would like to have seen some of the other shortcomings which administrative that were exposed at the time figuring in the report. Their exclusion gives the document an air of incompleteness.

Washington, Jan. 2. Western diplomats are confident tonight that the "Eisenhower doctrine"—a new United States policy for the Middle East—will get powerful Congressional backing in the session that opens tomorrow.

But they said the President would have to throw his full prestige behind the plan to provide economic aid and military protection to the troubled area.

Congressional leaders today received the first draft of President Eisenhower's proposals. The drafts were reported by authoritative State Department sources to suggest several ways in

**CONGRESS LIKELY TO BACK PRESIDENT'S NEW MIDDLE EAST DOCTRINE**

which Congress could approve the President's imminent request for powers to use military force, as necessary to preserve the Middle East peace.

President Eisenhower seemed assured of strong bipartisan support for his Middle East "doctrine" which is expected to be submitted formally in a special message to Congress at the end of the week, or by Monday at the latest. Details of the drafts circulated to the Congressional leaders

today were kept secret, but it was learned from State Department sources that the message to Congress would make the following points:

★ The Middle East, together with Western Europe and North Africa, is now considered an area whose security is vital to the United States.

★ A suitable Congressional resolution would confirm the President's constitutional authority to commit forces in the Middle East. Such a

resolution would be the unchallengeable legal basis for action, since Congress has the sole right to declare war.

★ The resolution could be expected to deter the Soviet Union from aggressive action, thus giving the Middle East a fair degree of stability and a chance to work towards settlement of its long-standing political and economic problems.

Congressional sources said today that although the President

was submitting his proposals on an emergency basis, final action could not be expected for at least two or three weeks.

Diplomatic sources here who welcome signs of a firm United States policy in the Middle East are expressing concern at what they describe as some of the "loopholes" in the President's reported proposals. These are the danger of Soviet subversion in Syria and other Middle East nations—regarded by Britain

and France as a much graver threat than the possibility of aggression—and proposals to solve the dangerous Arab-Israeli dispute and the Anglo-French quarrel with Egypt over Suez.

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Representative Carl Vinson, today endorsed President Eisenhower's plan for standing authority to act in the Middle East.

He predicted that Congress would approve and send this action "might well" head off a resort to force in the area—China Mail Special and United Press.

**New Bomb Hoax Wave In America**

New York, Jan. 2. Schools all over America were targets of bomb hoaxes today and New York's 107 mark, with a threat against the world-famous American Museum of Natural History.

Shortly after an anonymous caller telephoned the American Museum of Natural History, on Central Park West, police and firemen found a suspicious parcel containing a pipe-like object, only a few feet from one of the largest dinosaur skeletons known to exist.

The Museum, which was due to close in 30 minutes, was emptied of all visitors and the police bomb squad was summoned. The device was wrapped in a parcel left among fossil fish just off the hall housing the Museum's priceless collection of bones of prehistoric animals.

The bomb squad took the device away and, dismantled it. Officers said it did not contain any explosives.

**Spread To Schools**

The hoaxes that have kept police in New York and other cities on the move for six days spread to schools almost as soon as they reopened this morning after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Warnings were telephoned to the City College of New York and a New York post office late today. The College call proved to be a hoax. A suspicious parcel found in the post office contained only "harmless" sink

**IKE'S CHALLENGE TO RUSSIA**

**'Get Out Of Hungary'**

Washington, Jan. 2. President Eisenhower challenged the Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin to withdraw Red armies from Hungary.

Mr. Eisenhower said such action by the Kremlin would be a "significant step" toward the reduction of East-West tensions.

Mr. Eisenhower issued the challenge in a new letter to Marshal Bulganin, rejecting the Soviet leader's November 17 proposal for a five-power "summit meeting" to end the long, unproductive deadlock.

He noted that Britain and France had abided by UN decisions in the Suez crisis and said Russia should do the same in Hungary.

Marshal Bulganin's November 17 letter proposed that the United States, Russia, Britain, France and India call a top-level disarmament meeting.

Mr. Eisenhower rejected the Russian proposal and said negotiations within the United Nations "seem more likely to produce" results.

In Mr. Eisenhower's letter, made public by the White House, the President said he was willing to entertain the idea of a meeting of Chiefs of State if he thought it would produce "significant results."

But "in my opinion," he said, "deliberations within the framework of the United Nations seem more likely to produce a step forward in the highly-complicated matter of disarmament. Accordingly, the United States will make further proposals there."

Administration officials said the Eisenhower letter, latest in a long series of exchanges with the Soviet premier, was delivered to the Soviet Foreign Office in Moscow earlier today by the American Embassy.

A Paris report said France will today send a reply to Moscow to the latest disarmament proposals of Marshal Bulganin, according to official sources.—United Press and Reuter.

**'US TROOPS SHOULD LEAVE EUROPE'**

Washington, Jan. 2. A writer on foreign policy proposed today that the United States consider a phased withdrawal of Soviet and Western forces from Western Europe as a move toward resolving the U.S. foreign policy dilemma.

Mr. James Warburg of New York made the suggestion in a memorandum to the new Congress, which convenes tomorrow. He said a Soviet-American withdrawal agreement could break the disarmament deadlock and set the pattern for a follow-up peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Warburg, war-time deputy director of the Office of War Information, said the United States perhaps was now in the "most serious foreign policy dilemma in its history."

He suggested it make a counter-proposal to the recent Soviet proposal, calling for withdrawal of Western and Soviet forces from Europe.

**JUST BLANK PAGES IN 1956**

Nothing happened in 1956 in the village of Ometz-Villecom, in southern France—nothing, anyway, to justify an entry in the pages of the Town Hall register.

The mayor, M. Dejarnac, did not once put on his tricolour sash to officiate at a wedding. Nobody was born and nobody died. The total population of the twin hamlets remained stationary at 76.—China Mail Special.

**Crack Test Pilot In Bid To Save Stranded Climbers**

Chamonix, Jan. 2. Crack French helicopter test pilot, Jean Boulet, left Paris tonight to take part in tomorrow's new bid to rescue two frost-bitten climbers, stranded for 13 days 12,000 feet up Mont Blanc, and the eight men who tried to save them.

Boulet, 35-year-old holder of the 1955 world altitude record, who also has six world speed records to his credit, will take part in operations in the newest French "Alouette" jet helicopters.

Today's rescue operations had to be abandoned after a raging blizzard had forced a reconnaissance "Sikorski" helicopter to turn back.

The two climbers, 24-year-old Frenchman, Jean Vincendon and his 22-year-old Belgian companion, Francois Henry, left Chamonix 13 days ago to conquer Mont Blanc.

When they failed to return, a helicopter set out to look for them and crashed in the attempt. Then a six-man team joined the rescue bid, and after placing the two exhausted frost-bitten climbers in the cockpit of the crashed helicopter, took the crew to the relative shelter of the Vallot Observatory.

A radio message from the Vallot Observatory today said the eight rescuers were crouched round the glove in a temperature of 15 degrees below zero.

One of the crashed helicopter crew, Warrant Officer Blanc, was suffering from spreading frost-bite on the limbs, while his companion, Major Santini, had a frost-bitten face.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee of the Chamonix Mountain Guides today issued a warning to climbers, urging them to avoid undertaking climbs "beyond their capacity in a spirit of vanity," exposing

**DUKE'S NIECE TO MARRY**

London, Jan. 2. Princess Margaret, of Baden, a niece of the Duke of Edinburgh, announced today she will marry Prince Tomislav of Yugoslavia, 29, eldest brother of ex-King Peter.

The Prince, who owns a fruit farm at Kirdford, Sussex, had a Royal Yugoslav heirloom, a blue sapphire, made into a ring for the engagement ceremony which will be held at the Serbian Orthodox Church in London.

The actual wedding will be next June in Germany, probably at the Prince's home.—United Press.

**12 IRA Suspects Held**

Brookeborough, Jan. 2. Irish Republic police tonight held 12 men suspected of having taken part in a bitter gun duel in the streets of this old world village last night.

The bodies of two of the twelve members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army were found several miles away. Today, police and troops on both the Northern Ireland and Republican sides of the border searched for the raiders.

It is believed that there are still about 20 gunmen on the run somewhere in the bleak hills of County Fermanagh. In this lonely mountain area they could easily have established a secret hideout.

As members of the IRA they are pledged to put an end to the partition of Ireland.—Reuter.

**Water Supply Critical On Antarctic Ship**

Wellington, Jan. 2. The water position aboard the Endeavour, which is carrying the New Zealand Antarctic expedition through heavy seas to McMurdo Sound, 300 miles away, was described as "critical" in a radioed despatch reaching here today.

Drinking water has been rationed and the crew have been forbidden to have showers or wash their clothes.

The Endeavour can make some drinking water, but this is only a fraction of the daily requirements.

At the height of the gale in which the Endeavour has been caught, a roll to port of 47 degrees from the vertical was recorded and waves up to 30 feet broke across the ship.

The huskies, in cages on the deck, took the brunt of the gale, and one was nearly washed aboard when his cage broke loose.

Yesterday Sir Edmund Hillary, leader of the expedition, organised a party to secure the cages and feed the dogs.—China Mail Special.

**Three Bandits Killed**

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 2. Security forces began their 1957 drive against Communist terrorists, by killing three bandits yesterday. The Malayan Government announced today.—Reuter.

**CYPRUS EDITOR FINED £50**

Published Prejudicial Article

Nicosia, Jan. 2. Charles Foley, editor of the Times of Cyprus, was fined £50 today for publishing an article likely to prejudice the maintenance of law and order.

The owning company, the Times Publication Ltd., was fined a nominal £1.

Mr. Foley said tonight he had decided to appeal against the verdict.

He was acquitted on a charge of publishing an article likely to cause despondency.

**TRUTH NO DEFENCE**

Sir James Henry, Cyprus Attorney-General, prosecuting, said the article printed by Mr. Foley on November 21 was by Geoffrey Thrush, of the London News Chronicle, a journalist of repute and undoubtedly a master of his craft. But, in this case, truth of itself is no defence.

He stressed that the offence lay in the appearance of the article in Cyprus—not in its publication in Britain—and in a time of emergency. The situation was not unlike a war and statements made in war-time that were likely to affect morale were an offence.

Counsel read aloud the article, which was headed "Hatred, Despair, Anger."

Sir James Henry said the article had passages like: "No one knows what next week holds." "Meanwhile anger is spreading in all sections of the community." "Talk is becoming wider of possible increased violence."

**SITUATION HOPELESS**

The effect of the article as a whole was to make people feel the whole situation was hopeless and there was no way out. He said it appeared at a time in November following the worst week of terrorism on the island.

Sir Frank Soskice, defending, said the article was accurate and reflected the opinions of different Cyprus communities. Expression of these opinions, in absolute factuality, could only have a pacifying influence on readers, who would feel they were not being misled and that someone could express their feelings in public.

**Youths On Trial**

Warsaw, Jan. 2. The trial opened today in Bydgoszcz of 10 youths, charged with having set fire to a former radio jamming station, molesting policemen and committing all sorts of violence and wrecking in the Polish city on November 18.

The prosecution will attempt to prove that the defendants were guilty of banditry, in no way comparable to the riots in Poznan.—France-Press.

**Russian Flees**

A Russian, Vienna, Jan. 2. A Russian, wearing full uniform but without arms, was among 200 refugees who crossed the border into Austria from Hungary today. Three Hungarian soldiers were with them.—China Mail Special.

**New NZ Governor-General**

London, Jan. 2. Buckingham Palace tonight announced the appointment of Viscount Cobham, 47-year-old cricket-playing peer, as Governor-General of New Zealand.

Lord Cobham was captain of Worcestershire County cricket team from 1935 to 1939 and was vice-captain of the M.C.C. team which toured New Zealand, in 1935-36. An Etan and Cambridge player.

As Governor-General, he is the Crown's personal representative in New Zealand. Buckingham Palace said he was approved on recommendation of the New Zealand Cabinet.

Lord Cobham succeeds Lt. Gen. Sir Willoughby Norris, 63, Governor-General since 1952.—United Press.

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## More Hints Dropped By Molotov In Magazine Article

By JOHN REITTE

Moscow, Jan. 2.

A strong new hint that the Kremlin envisages a swing back to some features of the Stalinist era was given today, in an ideological magazine directed by Mr. Molotov, the former Foreign Minister.

The magazine, Questions of Philosophy, which is often used to convey ideas stemming from the top Soviet leadership, said in an editorial that the campaign of exaggerated denigration of Stalin had led to excesses.

## ON LECTURE TOUR



### Gaitskell Wants Middle East Buffer Areas

San Francisco, Jan. 2.  
Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, head of the British Labour Party, said today that he favoured United Nations forces occupying not only the Gaza strip, but also "buffer areas" between Israel and other Arab states.

Mr. Gaitskell, here on a lecture tour which includes three appearances at the University of California in Berkeley, California, this week, said he favoured firmer action by the UN to reduce Arab-Israeli tensions.

## KEY TO PEACE

He said the key to peace in the Middle East was in the actions of the United States, particularly American action through the UN.

The Labour leader said recent outbursts of anti-American sentiment in Britain over the Suez crisis was "temporary—just an emotional outburst." He said he did not blame the United States for the Suez problem and he did not think the Labour Party did either—United Press.

The Parti Togolais du Progrès advised the Committee by telegram on December 29 that Chief Agyassou and Chief Malyendou, chiefs of the South and North, were en route to New York to appear before the UN.

The chiefs arrived on Tuesday—United Press.

## Admiral Dies

Gen. Conn., Jan. 2.  
Admiral William Brown, naval adviser to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Harry S. Truman, died today in the hospital of the Groton US Navy submarine plant.

It condemned Communists who had "slandered" all the good work done up to Stalin's death, admitted its own error in publishing an article which said Soviet drama had "stagnated since the 1930s", and rebuffed the idea that art and literature should be less concerned with ideology.

Observers here said it indicated that Soviet leaders, after reviewing recent events in Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia, had concluded that the de-Stalinisation campaign had gone too far.

They noted that its publication came hard on the heels of the New Year statement by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the party chief, who opened the de-Stalinisation campaign—praising the dead leader as a "great Marxist" and anti-imperialist fighter.

## Exaggerated

They also noted the recent Chinese Communist Party statement that exaggerated anti-Stalinism threatened the unity of the Socialist camp, and suggested the article showed many Russians had responded too deeply to Titoist ideas.

It warned that it was wrong to think "that bourgeois propaganda does not influence the mind of the Soviet people, for instance the mind of youth," and spoke of "boiling masses abroad who do not always fully grasp political meanings."

The article in the magazine, which is published by the Soviet Academy of Science, was seen here as particularly strong evidence of a return to some features of Stalinism in art, literature and the theatre.

Mr. Molotov, a former Premier under Stalin, who guides the broad outlines of the magazine's editorial policy, is now a First Deputy Premier with tasks including general responsibility for questions of ideology in art and culture—China Mail Special.

## DUKE AMONG THE PENGUINS

London, Jan. 2.

The Duke of Edinburgh watched penguins playing in the snow when he stepped ashore today in the Falkland Islands.

A message from the Royal Yacht, Britannia, to Buckingham Palace said he was taken in the Falkland Islands dependencies survey ship, John Biscoe, to Base W, the most southerly of the bases to be visited.

The Duke walked through the snow to a penguin rookery "where many nursing mothers took exception to his visit but the unattached birds gave a fine exhibition of tobogganing and upright traction."

## Game Of Tennis

While the Duke was at the base the "first but rather inept game of tennis within the Antarctic circle" was played.

## AIRCRAFT IMPOUNDED AT MANILA

Manila, Jan. 3.  
A Garuda International Airways plane was impounded by the Civil Aeronautics Administration yesterday for landing at Manila International Airport without prior permission from the Philippine Government.

The CAA administrator, Major Arturo Sevilla, prevented the twin-engine C-47 plane from proceeding to Hongkong pending an explanation of its unauthorised landing.

The plane came from Dzakaria and landed here by way of Labuan, North Borneo, for an overnight stopover on its way to Hongkong to undergo repairs.

The Indonesian plane's Dutch pilot, Captain F. Noordhoorn, informed CAA officials that Garuda had notified the Philippine Air Force, general agents of Garuda, that their plane was coming here on December 20 but that the notification had been delayed—France-Press.

## Education Promises For Malays

London, Jan. 2.

M. Abdul Razak, Education Minister of the Malayan Federation, promised that all children over six in the Federation would be in primary schools by 1958, when he spoke tonight before the Malayan Students Union at Malaya Hall, London.

The Malayan Federation is to become independent next August.

Abdul Razak also promised that primary schools would be free by 1959—France-Press.

## Anglo-Malayan Talks Falter

London, Jan. 2.

The talks between the British Colonial Office and a Malayan delegation on financial arrangements for Malaya after independence have been slowed up because of British insistence on attention to details, it was learned here today.

Informed sources said that Chief Minister Tan Sri Rahman and his financial secretary, Colonel H. S. Lee, who opened the talks here in mid-December, became "bored" with the British routine of detailed examination of the proposals.

Today, the sources said, the negotiations have been relegated to "official level." The Malayan delegation did not consider the

details rated ministerial attention.

Colonel Lee was hoping to meet British Chancellor of the Exchequer Harold Macmillan tomorrow and, informed sources said, he would seek to "get on with the job without waste of time."

It was understood that Britain wanted to make the financial arrangements under a single heading.

"The British idea seems to be to allocate a lump sum and say to Malaya, there you are boys get on with it," informed sources said.

## Every Line

The Malayan delegation watched the arrangements made under three separate headings:

1. An allocation to assist in the expansion of Malaya's armed forces after independence.
2. A British contribution to the cost of the anti-Communist emergency in Malaya.
3. A loan to assist Malaya's economic development programme.

"It has been getting down to details like this that has slowed the talks down," The Colonial Office has wanted to go over every line.

It is hoped that Colonel Lee's meeting with the Chancellor tomorrow will live things up," informed sources said—United Press.

## Use Of British And French Salvage Ships

United Nations, Jan. 2.  
Measures have been taken to use a substantial proportion of the French and British salvage boats at Port Said under the United Nations flag, a British delegation spokesman said today.

The British delegation had received a preliminary report on the talks between Andrew Corbett, Director of the United Nations Secretary-General's office, and Egyptian leaders, and a complete report would soon be issued, the spokesman said.

The report said that two or three details still remained to be settled for the use of the ships. No progress however had been made on the question of the six British salvage ships on which the British Government wanted to keep its own crews.

The ships are authorised to be used only with crews not belonging to one of the belligerent countries.

Four of the six ships are at present taking part in the work being done by the French and British fleet on the Port Said region—France-Press.

## Suez Ships To Be Freed

London, Jan. 2.

Colonel Mahmoud Younis, head of the Egyptian Suez Canal authority, said today that 12 ships which have been immobilised between El Cap and El Ballah since the beginning of the Suez Canal action are expected to reach Port Said in four days, Cairo Radio reported in its Arabic broadcast.

All the 12 ships were in a south bound convoy from Port Said to Suez when the Allied action began, the radio added—Reuters.

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# COMMUNIST ENEMY NO. 1

By Maurice Manning

ONE day at the end of August, a visiting Soviet sportswoman called Nina Ponomareva went shopping in London and took a fancy to five hats. Nina was alleged by the shop to have removed these hats without paying for them. She was summoned to appear in court on a charge of theft, but the Soviet authorities would not allow her to do so, and claimed that she had been the victim of a "dirty provocation."

According to Soviet spokesmen, the alleged

that they were blamed for the delay in getting the Bolshoi ballet company to London in September.

One cannot help shuddering at the thought of this band of desperadoes, hidden away somewhere hatching plots. Whoever can they be, these sinister "circles"? And where exactly is their hiding place?

A glance at the Soviet press shows that their interests and activities are far from being confined to

Poznan. "Many people who gave way to the hostile provocations in Poznan," said Pravda on July 15, "obviously did not realise who was instigating them. Foreign hostile circles try to organise various kinds of provocation."

More recently, of course, they have been working overtime in Egypt. "Certain circles . . . are doing everything to create a war psychosis around the Suez Canal."

As one would expect, these malcontents loathe peace and oppose disarmament. Last winter, during his Asian tour, Marshal Bulganin told an Indian audience that there was "an unwillingness on the part of certain circles to adhere to the 'spirit of Geneva'."

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**Whenever things don't go quite right in Soviet efforts to woo the free world, a mysterious but overworked bugbear known as "certain circles" is awarded the blame. According to Soviet propaganda, these circles are at work all over the world—"framing" Russian women athletes in London or obstructing Finnish-Soviet friendship in Helsinki.**

"frame-up" of Nina was engineered by "certain circles" who aimed—in the words of a Tass report of September 1—at "preventing by all means the improvement and development of sporting relations between the Soviet Union and Great Britain."

Unscrupulous and bursting with venom, these "circles" are apparently forever on the watch for opportunities to "prevent at all costs the growing friendship between the British and Soviet peoples." On September 4, Moscow Radio warned its audience that they "are prepared to stoop to the foulest deeds" in order to achieve their objective. It was to be expected

Britain. During recent months, it seems, they have been appearing in the most disconcerting manner all over Europe. For instance, barely a week before the "provocation" of Nina in London, they were busy thinking up "foul deeds" in Finland.

On August 21, Pravda revealed that "the strengthening of friendship between the Soviet and Finnish peoples does not suit certain circles. These circles at times make considerable efforts to obstruct the further successful development of Soviet-Finnish relations."

And in July they were in Poland, whispering in the ears of the workers at

On May 16, Pravda warned that "aggressive circles are striving to spread war psychosis" and on April 15 Tass stated that "certain circles . . . are seeking . . . to close the door on disarmament agreement once again."

Naturally, with such an outlook, this gang of crooks do all they can to undermine that great peace-monger, the Soviet Union. Not content with trying to sow dissension between Britain and Russia and between Finland and Russia, they are at work even inside the Soviet Union itself.

"Certain circles are interested in having in the USSR artificially created non-Communist parties, financed by foreign capital

and serving their interest," said Pravda on July 6.

Anything will serve these dastardly characters as an excuse for an attack on Russia. For example according to Tass on May 30, "certain circles" are attempting "to develop around the question of automation a propaganda campaign against the Soviet Union."

But of all their foul deeds, the foulest was turning the Nazis on Russia. In 1941. In one of his speeches in Bombay, Krushchev declared that it was "certain circles" who "hurled the big armed forces of Hitler Germany against the USSR."

These "circles" are clearly a bloodthirsty and belligerent lot, whom few of us would wish to meet. There is one group of people, however, to whom they must be a boon—harassed Soviet parents. How many children in the USSR, one wonders, are growing up to the refrain: "If you're a bad boy, Ivan, 'certain circles' will get you?"



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Delhi. To mark our meeting he very kindly gave me two excellent travel books. I couldn't resist telling him it was my birthday and the books were a most acceptable present. He and another officer thereupon insisted, in spite of my protests, on a celebration.

I crossed into Afghanistan at the town of Chaman. The Afghan Customs officer there was charming and most polite. "You have something to declare?" he asked hopefully, glancing at the amorphous pile of luggage in the car. I showed him my cameras.

"Musical instruments?"

"No, no musical instruments."

### Crowded

THE Customs officer thought for a bit. There was something else on the list of contraband articles which he'd forgotten. Ah! he'd got it, and a faint shadow of suspicion clouded his face.

"You have no plane?" It was such a nice question to be asked in the middle of nowhere. Next time I go to Chaman I shall take a baby grand.

From Kabul I set out on the road that led to Jalalabad and the Khyber, and back into Pakistan again.

### Rough road

FROM Teheran to Quetta, in Pakistan, I bumped and jolted, smothered in dust for nearly 2,000 miles.

At Quetta the Pakistan Army made me welcome. At the Staff College I met a Major Qasim, who three years ago drove from England to Quetta with a caravan in tow.

There are two caravan days a week along that road, and the day I chose was one of them. The road was crowded with nomads driving their encumbered beasts before them.

The animals staggered up the road with an extraordinary assortment of loads—tents and tent poles, family chattels, and livestock.

Ragged, diminutive children, too young to talk, were lashed on to camels, their heads lolling in time to the animals' uneasy gait.

Old women seemed to make light of the walk and berated and swore at the animals—and me no doubt—as I threaded my way carefully through.

The Pakistan frontier post was at the foot of the Khyber Pass. There one notice stated that no photographs could be taken, another that the road was closed after dark.

Ahead lay a fortified zone. But the Khyber Pass is more than that. It is a tribal area where tribal law holds sway.

### Armed men

THE first thing you notice is the number of men, and even children, carrying rifles. Not only do they like to carry weapons, but many of them do so from necessity, for they are in constant danger from tribal blood feuds.

The Khyber was not what I had imagined it to be. I had always thought of it as a long road cleaving its way through sinister-looking mountains, whence a shot might ring out or a well-directed boulder come hurtling down to crush one.

It wears a distinctly modern look. An excellent asphalt road marches confidently round the jutting promontories of rock and brings you smoothly to the top at Landi Khotai. There is a special track for animals and foot travellers, and a railway line trails the road discreetly, disappearing now and then into the solid rock and emerging unexpectedly a little farther on.

On the way down the other side I stopped because of fuel trouble. Which was lucky for me, for who should overtake me in a shooting brake but the political agent for the Khyber. "Look here," he said, "we not forget the fact of Pakistan."

and spend the night with me? We'll go and call on an Afghani chief and get him to kill a sheep for us."

We turned back up the Pass and, after bumping along a short side track, came to a halt outside what looked like a small fortress. It was the fortified village where the chief and his six brothers dwell with their families, secure from the enmity of their neighbours.

A challenge rang out from the watch tower. Then the stout wooden doors were thrown open and Malik Ashraf Khan, the chief, came out with his brothers. We drove the cars into the little courtyard, and the gates were bolted at once.

It was pitch dark. The hurried jump reflected a steady glint in the Malik's eye; but he often laughed, especially when he talked of his old battles; then a lively twinkle came into his eyes.

He escorted us across the courtyard to his private room. We sat down in comfortable chairs before a crackling wood fire and talked. Attendants moved silently about the room.

The chief produced two rifles. He unslung them and handed them over to me to examine. One was of English manufacture, the other made by tribesmen. They looked identical, but I noticed that the tribal model bore signs of greater use.

### Deadly shots

THE Afghans, like all Pathans, are deadly shots. They have to be, for tribal feuds continue from generation to generation. A stone placed between two chiefs when they meet is the only symbol of truce.

Yet in spite of their lawlessness the tribesmen have a keen sense of honesty. They will own up immediately to an offence, even to murder. An offender is judged under tribal law by a junta of chiefs, who report the verdict to the political agent.

All this I heard as we waited, sipping green tea, while the women prepared the meal. The women live apart, but not in purdah. I asked how the young men did their courting. "Our way is quite different," explained the chief. "We go to the mountains to hunt the women to chop wood. When a young man sees a girl he would like for a wife he asks her name. The two say 'little', but speak with their eyes. Then he sends his mother to the girl's village and a marriage is arranged."

A cloth was spread on the carpet and at the chief's bidding we sat round cross-legged. The dishes were brought in piled high with rice and long wooden skewers on which pieces of grilled mutton were impaled. "We ate with our hands—our right hands. The left hand is used for drinking."

### A knack

THERE is a knack to eating the rice. You squeeze it into a little lump between your fingers, then shoot it into your mouth with a flick of your thumb. I was rather clumsy at first, but improved as the meal went on.

It was a delicious dinner, and the chief was pleased when I told him I'd enjoyed it. On rising we washed our hands in warm water poured from a brass cover by one of the men.

We ended up with more green tea and then I took leave of the Malik. After the manner of the tribesmen, he took my right hand and clasped it in his left.

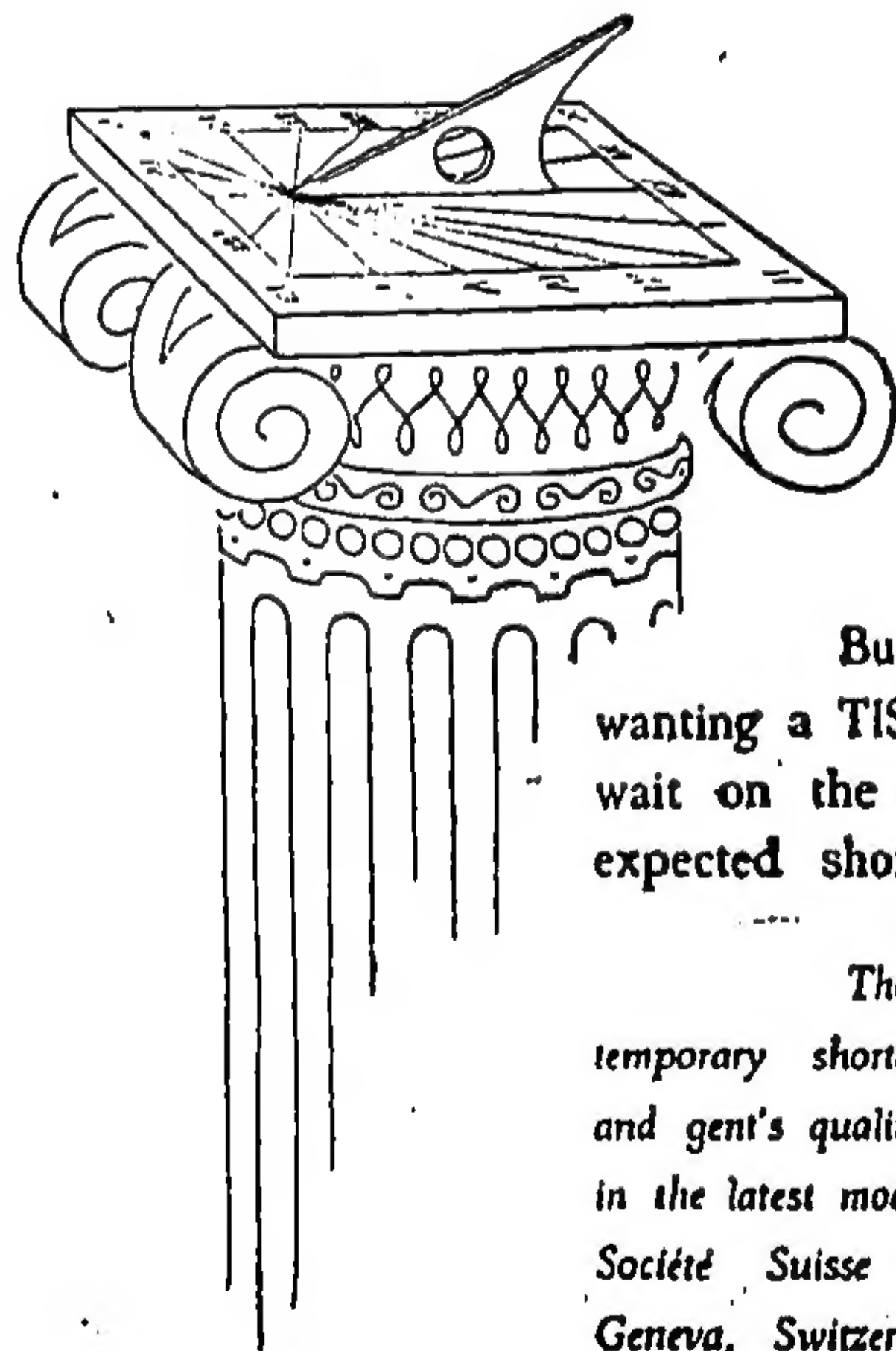
Two days later I was in Delhi. I have been here a week now, living in Old Delhi. Each morning I drive to New Delhi, about four miles off, to ride at the racetrack.

On my way I pass the India Gate, its tribute to India's gallant dead inscribed in English. From there you look down the long vista towards the Viceroy's palace.

But there is no longer a Viceroy and the English have departed. No one could truthfully say that the impression they have left on the country is a bad one. But there is an unmistakable feeling that India is stirring with a new spirit as she wakes at the dawn of a new era.

I have seen little of the country yet, but I love India already. "Our way is quite different," explained the chief. "We go to the mountains to hunt the women to chop wood. When a young man sees a girl he would like for a wife he asks her name. The two say 'little', but speak with their eyes. Then he sends his mother to the girl's village and a marriage is arranged."

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## "Sugar" Ray Robinson Relieved Of World Middleweight Crown

Bull-necked, bull-shouldered Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, battered 35-year-old Sugar Ray Robinson at times tonight like a boy whamming the feathers out of a pillow, and won the unanimous 15-round decision and the World Middleweight Championship, before 18,134 spectators in Madison Square Garden.

Fullmer, the first Utah-born boxer to become a World Champion in any division, weighed 167½ pounds to Robinson's 160.

Fullmer, the first Mormon World Champion in any division since Jack Dempsey, took the hardest shots of 35-year-old Ray and came back every time with plunging, countering, close-quarter attacks that slowed up Robinson again and again.

Fullmer knocked Robinson through the ropes, half on to the ring apron, with a left hook in the seventh round for the only knockdown of the bout.

Robinson was up and back into the fight at the count of five and angrily rocked 26-year-old Gene with a hard left hook to

the body and a right to the head as the session ended.

Robinson for the second time lost in the ring the 160-pound crown that he had given up once to retire. He lost because he no longer had the leg speed to evade sticky Fullmer's headlong rushes and he had to fall into repeated clinches with the brawny mauler from Utah's copper mines, who whaled away at Ray's body with left and right with overhand rights that kept the taller Ray's head bobbing sideways and down nearly every second. — United Press.

### DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN

## Find A Champion! Then Send Him Round America, Mr Solomons!

Cheerful as a Christmas card is jolly Jack Solomons, the Mr Micawber of Maul, who is still expecting a British World Heavyweight Champion to turn up.

He was at it again the other day, eyes sparkling like five-shilling tinzel stars, as he told me he is going in for more heavy-weight excavation. On February 19 he will splash all of £500 on just one more sack at talent spotting.

Not even Mr Harold Macmillan—he's the chap who gets at your wages even before your wife can stop the old cigar merchant from dreaming of a fight.

And dreaming of that bet which says £10,000 to £10 that Jack Solomons will not produce a British World Heavyweight Champion by summer 1957. Brother, you'll have to hustle with your muscles to collect that cheque.

Solomons argued through his smoke screen of rarest Havana: "Didn't I find Jack Gardner from the talent show? Well, didn't I? And wasn't Joe Erskine in my talent show? Well, wasn't he?" All right, all right, they were.

### NOW LISTEN, CHAMP CHASER

But you listen, Champ Chaser, for a change. If you find a tough husky, don't send him off at once chasing that world title rainbow. Get him out of Britain, get him on the rough, tough grind of the American circuit.

Send him off to an American manager who will knock him into steel-hard shape instead of that bulging girth which identifies so many of Britain's heavy-weight performers.

Too many good fight prospects inhabiting these sporting isles have been eventually knocked sideways because their managers were merely 25 per cent. just meat ticket holders.

I have been around here enough of British fighters and I have seen managers who had no more control over their boxing boys than a young curate at his first Sunday School outing.

So, Jack, if you get your man, remember Hackett's sadly proffered advice. And here's hoping you find that golden gloves husky. A new and prosperous boxing year.

And a merry Soccer year to the lads of Park Rovers, Aldershot. I don't care if you have never heard of them.

These youngsters send good luck greetings to the Birmingham team who asked me to find them a set of old jerseys so they could carry on playing.

### A BIT SLOW THIS TIME

The lads of Park Rovers are still playing, although the big clubs, quick enough on the move if there is any talent snatched, refused to help the boys to get into action.

For three seasons these kids have been taking a licking and taking home their slightly tattered shirts for mums to repair. But they have started winning now and in the Soccer year of 1957 they will be turning out in smart new white shirts, a present from Santa Claus Hackett, with Watney Barnes playing the good fairy.

From these sixpence-a-week Soccer starlets I ponder over the stories that Hungarian Soccer maestros queue patiently to sign for British clubs at £10 an autograph.

Wonder why they don't nip smartly across to Spain, where that football character Ladislav Kubala two years ago showed me the cheque for 9,000,000 pesetas, £20,000 to you, given to him for a simple exercise of signing a five-year contract to play for Barcelona.

Nice football, if you can play it. Ah well, I reckon the kids of Park Rovers will be just as happy with their white rags.

\* A London bookmaker challenged Solomons in May 1952... "£10,000 of my money to £10 of yours you don't produce a heavy-weight champion of the world in five years." "Done," said Solomons.

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### READY, SAYS HOWARD



Canadian Lightweight Champion Richie Howard, paying his first visit to London on the way home from his match with Willie Towel in Johannesburg, is staking his claim for a fight with British title holder Joe Lucy. He is also willing to take on Sammy McCarthy or Dave Charnley. Richie is in ninth place in the world rankings. — Reuterphoto.

## COURAGE MAY TAKE EUDAEMON TO THE TOP

By JAMES PARK

No Yorkshire-trained colt has won the Epsom Derby in my time, but it would have been different if the Middleham (Yorkshire) trained Dante had been foaled a year later. He had to be content with the substitute race at Newmarket.

Charles Eley is responsible for the training of Eudaemon, who will at least figure prominently in the early betting on next year's Derby.

The Manton (Yorkshire) trainer has saddled more winners than any other trainer in each of the past four seasons and this year topped the list for stake-money as well. That is a remarkable achievement for a man who was born 75 years ago.

Charles Eley displayed sound judgment when he gave 4,000 guineas for Eudaemon when the colt came up for sale as a yearling. He was acting on behalf of Mrs E. Foster, for whom the colt won six of his seven races.

Eudaemon must have been below par the day Gold Bangie beat him by five lengths at Manchester. Eley's charge won all his other races, and they included the Gimcrack Stakes at York and Champagne Stakes at Doncaster.

### COURAGE

In the York race the colt did not look like being in the picture until approaching the last furlong. For a moment I thought he might not get a clear run but once he did he sailed past the leaders with the greatest ease.

He had a harder race at Doncaster, where Red God was going much the better after five furlongs, up to which point Eudaemon had made the running.

After appearing an assured winner, Red God folded up and Eudaemon, displaying fine courage, regained the lead in the last few strides for a head victory.

There is not much doubt Red God could have won if he had been so inclined and his obvious superiority left me wondering whether Eudaemon could be quite at the top of the tree.

The handicapper has played for safety, and Eudaemon is placed half below Pipe of Peace in the Free Handicap.

### ADMIRABLE

Of Eudaemon, I would say he has the battling qualities that might enable him to beat his superiors. His do-or-die effort in the Champagne Stakes stamped him as one who refused to accept defeat. That is something I always admire in the thoroughbred.

The first time I saw Eudaemon was at York, and I could not help regretting there was not more of him. As he stood in the unsaddling enclosure after the race I thought he was a model of symmetry but lacking in the scope I like to see in a Derby colt.

As with Pipe of Peace it will be all to the advantage of Eudaemon if he grows a little during the winter. While the Yorkshire colt may not be so tall as Pipe of Peace, I would say Eudaemon has the greater substance.

It is rather a coincidence that Pipe of Peace and Eudaemon come from the Black Ray family in tall female. That more comes in the third generation in the pedigree of Pipe of Peace and in the fourth in the case of Eudaemon.

### SIMILAR

Another similarity is that each is by a young siddion. Parda, a product of Marcel Boussac's stud, is the sire of Eudaemon. Parda would have been a failed candidate for the Derby but he went wrong.

I would not go so far as to say there is quite the same young blood in the maternal half of Eudaemon's pedigree, but it is a balance he may not have and a half is so he would be worth to take his place in the Derby.

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## McKUEEN GOT SLUGGED FOR LOOKING SOMEWHAT LIKE JAMES DEAN

By RON BURTON

Hollywood.

Since Rod McKuen is 23 years old and has appeared in five Japanese films, he figured it was time he tried his hand in a Hollywood production. He's doing it now at Universal-International where three of his many talents are being utilised simultaneously.

McKuen is a young man in a very pleasant quandary. He does so many things well that he has trouble sometimes deciding which talent to emphasise.

His works as an author, poet, and songwriter have been published. As a folk singer, he has toured the United States and parts of Asia.

In the U-I production, "Rock, Pretty Baby," he calls on three of his talents. He acts, he sings and he composes—in fact, the two songs he sings were written by him. They are "Happy is a Boy Named Sue" and "Picnic by the Sea," on which he collaborated with Bobby Troup.

### THE SLUG

McKuen's history indicates that much may be expected of him. At the age of 16 he got his professional break when he joined the San Francisco Young Players. He won the London Critics Award for his portrayal of Romeo. The next thing he knew he appeared in several dramatic shows, had a radio show and turned out a newspaper column.

The Army gave McKuen's career a huge boost. As a member of its Special Services section he made a folk singing tour of Japan and Korea. He became a writer-producer for the United Nations Command Voice. And, while all this was going on, he also found time to knock out his first book, "And Autumn Came," and handle important roles in five Japanese films.

McKuen returned to civilian clothes and San Francisco, where he had night club engagements as a singer until he was invited to come here on a recording contract.

There's only one thing that bothers McKuen. He apparently looks somewhat like the late James Dean, the promising young actor who died in a car crash. Once a woman slugged him after yelling, "Don't look so much like Jimmy Dean!"

"Funny thing," McKuen said, "but it happened so fast I never did get a look at her. Oh, well."

Paul Stewart, a New Yorker who made a name for himself as an actor and director, thinks graduates of New York's Actors Studio are strictly grandstand players and not members of the team of any dramatic production.

"I think of them as the do-it-yourself boys and girls," he said. "Or, if you prefer, graduates of the Selfish School of Acting."

"These actors and actresses pay no attention to what the other performers are doing or to what the director suggests. They care only about their own feelings."

Stewart thinks of any dramatic effort as a team effort. He feels that any good actor will realise he can't carry the show by himself and will try to blend his character portrayal with the wishes of the director and the other actors.

"These guys are themselves only one question," Stewart said. "They say, 'Do I feel it inside? Notice that — do I feel it inside? That's their only concern. In worrying about their own feelings they forget a most important point. This, of course, is determining whether the audience senses what they are trying to get across."

### SPONTANEITY LOST

Stewart questioned the judgment of trying to feel every emotion deeply. He questioned whether it can be done successfully time after time. His case in point is Henry Ford.

"Could Ford have felt deep within the emotions called for in 'My Ford' in more than 2,000 performances?" Stewart asked. "Of course not."

Actors Studio graduates lose spontaneity, he said. They try so hard to go through every emotion that their reactions become unnaturally intense.

"I've seen some of them spend an incredibly long time faking in the insignificance of a simple question like, 'How are you feeling?'" Stewart said.

"This man's story, slap so many personalities and neuroses on their characteristics that it's really difficult. It is impossible for the average person to figure out what they're trying to do."

Stewart, who has just finished "Top Secret Affair" for Warner Bros., added:

"With them, the play is not the thing. From start to end it's a chance to show off any individual talent."

Yet McKuen had never done any dramatic acting when he came to Hollywood. He was a Broadway star in the film about New York's late mayor, Jimmy Walker.

Miss Milos had never even gone to a high school dance. The Oklahoma-born depression baby simply couldn't afford the luxury of a dance because she supported herself as she went to school.

"After we left Oklahoma and went to live in a small Kansas town, our family budget always seemed to be in a state of emergency," she said. "Beans were the main part of the diet."

"When I was 14 I left home and went to Wichita. The YWCA gave me room and board and \$5 a week to wait on tables every morning before school. To earn extra money I worked as a telephone clerk and messenger girl at Western Union. That's because they thought I was 17 instead of 14."

The green-eyed, maple-blond actress said this meant working in the morning waiting on tables, going to school until three in the afternoon and then working at Western Union from four until midnight.

### AND THE LEGS

"You can see why it would have been difficult to go to high school dances on that four-year schedule," she said.

In the Walker story she plays the role of Betty Compton, Broadway musical star of the 1920's. Plenty of work went into making a non-dancer into a professional stage dancer. Paramount's choreographer took her in hand and was delighted with her progress.

"Well, she's got beauty and a sense of humour and an analytical mind," choreographer Jack Baker said. "But most of all she's got the courage and perseverance that all great stars have to have. Maybe that stuff that she did to put herself through school was terrific training."

"Wait till you see her dancing in the movie—she's a real pro." Paramount had another pleasant shock after discovering that she could learn to dance so well. Apparently someone had overlooked the fact that Miss Milos was Miss Kansas of 1948 and placed third in the Miss America contest that year.

"Her legs!" a studio man said. "The best seen around the studio since Marlene Dietrich. Boy, what a pleasant surprise, and it certainly isn't going to hurt the picture."

The early life of producer-director Mervyn LeRoy includes a job as an actor in character roles for Cecil B. DeMille's films, "Ten Commandments" and "The Sign of the Cross." Thirty years later LeRoy is still a film industry workhorse, turning out one top picture after another.

The secret probably is that with LeRoy, business is pleasure.

"I'll give up making motion pictures the first minute I no longer enjoy my work," LeRoy said. "Directing and producing a film is still a source of the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to me."

"I'll admit that shooting a picture now may not be as much fun as carefree—as it was in the early days. But to me it's still the most important thing personally and, above all, I like my work."

LeRoy, who is 50, has no plans to retire. The one-time boy wonder of Hollywood made that obvious with his attitude while working on "Toward the Unknown," a Tolstoy production.

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GERMANY NOT  
MAKING  
WAR TOYS

Bonn, Jan. 2.

West German toy firms, though working hard  
 to win more export markets, are leaving one  
 field almost entirely to their competitors: war  
 toys.

The industry expects to set up an export  
 record of about \$13,000,000 this year, about ten  
 per cent above last year's record.

But among the 70,000 toys in  
 its selection, there are only a  
 very small number of warlike  
 articles—mainly tanks with  
 foreign markings, soldiers in  
 foreign uniforms, aeroplanes and  
 the occasional pistol, usually of  
 police or cowboy type.

Even though West Germany  
 is now building up her own  
 army, the manufacturers are  
 showing no eagerness to enter  
 the war toy market. No tin  
 soldiers modelled on the new  
 forces are yet available. "We  
 only have Indians and frontier  
 policemen," one dealer said.

## Great Feeling

There is a general feeling  
 within the trade that war toys  
 should not be encouraged. Two  
 leading dealers chosen at  
 random said they stock war  
 toys, but do not put them on  
 display. They are rarely asked  
 for.

"The great part of our public  
 has had enough of war," one of  
 them told me. "They might ob-  
 ject if I put war toys in my  
 window. I do not want to any-  
 way. It is not that I am against  
 us having an army to defend  
 ourselves, but it is not necessary  
 for children to be brought up  
 with war toys."

Herl Werner Wiedling, a  
 member of the staff of a Munich  
 toy firm, in a recent speech at  
 a trade meeting, emphatically  
 opposed the manufacture of war  
 toys, which he called "murder  
 apparatus in miniature."

The West German toy indus-  
 try, which exports to more than  
 100 countries, has as its main  
 competitors Japan—probably the  
 world's largest toy exporter—and,  
 in recent years, Italy.

Britain's toy industry, which  
 exported about \$6,000,000  
 worth of toys last year is also  
 being taken very seriously by  
 West Germany.

## Exports

A recent article in the trade  
 magazine, "Das Spielzeug" (The  
 Toy), recorded the British toy  
 industry's decision to start its  
 own annual toy fair and praised  
 a number of British lines, par-  
 ticularly lifelike dolls made  
 from vinyl plastic, books, con-  
 structional kits and tool kits.

The West German industry's  
 exports amount to about 50 per  
 cent of its total production. Its  
 main customers are the United  
 States, where competition with  
 Japan is particularly fierce,  
 Sweden, Switzerland, the  
 Netherlands, Italy, Britain, Bel-  
 gium, Austria, Australia and  
 Canada.

Electrification  
Scheme  
in Philippines

Manila, Jan. 3.

President Magsaysay's rural  
 electrification programme finally  
 got off the blueprint stage  
 yesterday as the Cabinet ap-  
 proved a bond issue of US\$3-  
 200,000, with which to start  
 the programme.

One of the basic objectives  
 of the programme is the  
 construction of the Binga  
 hydroelectric project in Ben-  
 guet, capital mountain province  
 in Northern Luzon, whose es-  
 timated total cost is US\$2.5  
 million.

When completed, the Binga  
 project would complement the  
 recently finished Ambukao  
 hydroelectric plant in Benguet.  
 Both plans are calculated to  
 meet the needs of Northern and  
 Central Luzon.—France-Press.

## American Vice-President in Vienna



## Mail Notices

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 shown below are those for un-  
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 tained by enquiry at any post  
 office.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,  
 Great Britain & Europe, 8 p.m.  
 Korea, 5 p.m.  
 Thailand, Ceylon, Burma, India, 6  
 p.m.

## U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface  
 Thailand, 4 p.m.  
 Macao, 6 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

By Air  
 Germany, 8 a.m.  
 Cambodia, 9 a.m.  
 Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa,  
 11 a.m.

Indo-China, France, Noon.  
 Philippines, Australia, New Zea-  
 land, 1 p.m.  
 Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.

Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle  
 East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,  
 6 p.m.  
 Ceylon, 8 p.m.  
 Japan, 6 p.m.  
 Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.  
 Malaysia, Ceylon, Great Britain,  
 Europe, Netherlands, Germany, Par-  
 cels direct, 11 a.m.  
 Macao, 1 p.m.  
 Japan, Canada, 3 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

By Air  
 Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kun-  
 ming, 7 a.m.  
 Thailand, Burma, N. Borneo, In-  
 donesia, Australia, New Zealand,  
 Ceylon, 10 a.m.

By Surface  
 Thailand, India, Middle East,  
 Africa, Great Britain & Europe,  
 6 p.m.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New  
 Zealand, 6 p.m.  
 Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea,  
 6 p.m.

By Surface  
 China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.  
 Formosa, West Australia, Parcela  
 via Fremantle, 11 a.m.

Burma, India, 11 a.m.  
 Macao, 1 p.m.  
 Pakistan, P. India, Parcela via  
 Karachi, 1 p.m.

N. Borneo, 4 p.m.  
 China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.  
 Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6  
 By Surface  
 Macao, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7  
 By Surface  
 China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.

Malaya, Portugal, East Africa,  
 Brazil, N. & S. Rhodesia & Nyas-  
 land, Parcela via L. Marques, Ar-  
 gentine, Parcela direct, South Africa,  
 11 a.m.

British, East Africa, Noon.  
 Macao, 1 p.m.  
 Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,  
 4 p.m.

Indonesia, 4 p.m.  
 China, Korea, 3 p.m.  
 Macao, 6 p.m.

Mr. Nixon, the American  
 Vice-President recently  
 arrived in Austria for a survey  
 of help for Hungarian refugees.  
 Picture shows: Mr. Nixon  
 (centre), seen soon after his  
 arrival in Vienna—with the  
 American Ambassador to  
 Austria, Mr. Llewellyn  
 Thompson, and Herr Julius  
 Raab, Austrian Chancellor.—  
 Express Photo.

Peace Pleas  
Ignored  
In Algeria

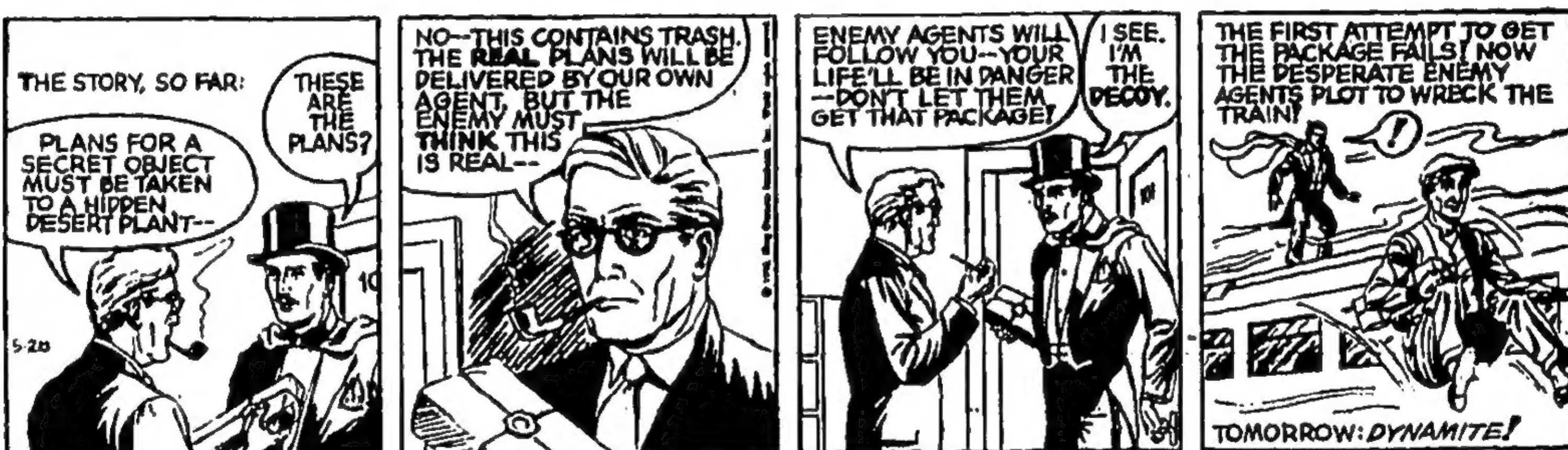
Algeria, Jan. 2.  
 Pleas for New Year peace by  
 the Roman Catholic Archbishop  
 of Algiers were ignored, with  
 18 persons today reported killed  
 in this French Colony, torn by  
 rebellion since 1954.

While Monsignor Leon Duval,  
 Archbishop of Algiers, was  
 asking "an initiative of brother-  
 hood by those in Algeria,"  
 French forces were reported to  
 be "successfully dealing" with a  
 rebel outbreak 30 miles west of  
 Oran.

Informal sources said some 45  
 of the rebels were trapped while  
 attacking French infantrymen.—  
 United Press.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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## JOHNNY HAZARD



...this situation

calls for a

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Nevertheless, this freer life  
 is not free enough for Mr.  
 Kawka. He has given up  
 a successful career in Warsaw  
 and is now settling down in  
 Sweden.

"Actors can now select  
 Western plays, rehearse them  
 by Western methods and per-  
 form them with Western  
 techniques," he said. "This  
 freedom is, however, licensed  
 and not absolute. Polish  
 actors and producers have the  
 same degree of freedom as a  
 man with a loose noose round  
 his neck. Moscow has allowed  
 them, like the rest of Poland,  
 more rope. But if they stray  
 too far over to the West, the  
 men in the Kremlin will pull  
 the noose tight and strangle  
 them."

"We had to analyse each  
 sentence in the play and  
 explain all the Communist  
 principles it involved. We  
 studied those dry, material  
 texts with the concentration  
 of theologians conning their  
 Bibles. To increase the  
 religious awe which we were  
 expected to show for  
 communism, we were sent on  
 what I can only call ideological  
 pilgrimages."

## FOUR TYPES

Selection of plays was  
 hitherto made in accordance  
 with directives issued by the  
 Communist party through  
 the Creative Arts Committee.  
 Those directives permitted four  
 types of plays:

- ★ 1. Production plays urging  
 workers to increase their  
 output.
- ★ 2. Political plays preach-  
 ing communism.
- ★ 3. Soviet Russian plays  
 of any type.
- ★ 4. Western plays "such  
 as do not have reactionary  
 themes."

This last proviso was applied  
 so narrowly that even some of  
 Shakespeare's historical dramas  
 were banned. Now, plays by  
 the French author, Jean  
 Anouilh, and writers "con-  
 troversial" are

"Another result was a falling  
 off in the standard of acting.  
 Ideology killed our artistic  
 enthusiasm. This again led to  
 many failures. The 'Dry  
 Country', after its eight months  
 in production, only ran for  
 about ten nights. Sometimes  
 the audience was only about 40  
 persons."

"No wonder the state  
 subsidy was 22 zloty (nearly  
 22 sterling at official exchange  
 rates) per ticket!"

Performance techniques were  
 also compressed in an  
 ideological, stiff-jacket, Mr.  
 Kawka continued.

"The best example I can  
 recall is from Stalin times,  
 although conditions remained  
 bad until about one year ago  
 when the slow improvement  
 began."

## IDEOLOGY

"In the play, 'Happiness,' I  
 played the part of an adjutant  
 who burst in on a group of  
 people discussing Communist  
 ideology in a private home. I  
 brought them not these or  
 terror, but a plate of cakes  
 from Stalin. Each member of  
 the group had to register his  
 joy in different ways, some by  
 smiling, others by cheering and  
 others by rapid silence."

"The whole performance, we  
 knew, would be judged by the  
 way the adjutant, but  
 experienced, staff reacted to a  
 biscuit from Stalin."

"Another drudgery from  
 which actors in Gomulka's  
 Poland escape is the two hours  
 of political instruction each  
 week which was compulsory  
 until very recently. This was  
 additional to the study of  
 texts and the ideological  
 pilgrimages."

Mr. Kawka said that these  
 restrictions have discouraged  
 men and women from entering  
 the theatrical profession so that  
 there is now a shortage of  
 trained actors in Poland. To  
 qualify as a trained actor,  
 novices had to study four years  
 at a school of dramatic art and  
 they do one year's practical  
 work.

To overcome the shortage,  
 the State has given professional  
 status to the amateur actors  
 who used to act at the amateur  
 theatres, staged "about" the  
 country. These amateur theatres  
 have been nationalised.

## TWO MEASURES

The result of these two  
 measures is that Poland has  
 about 3,000 actors playing in  
 about 100 national theatres. In  
 Mr. Kawka's opinion, however,  
 about 1,000 of the actors are  
 still amateurs in their  
 technique. The free conditions  
 now should help them to  
 improve.

The way is open for a  
 revival of the Polish theatre,  
 he considered. "My own wish  
 is to see a new generation of  
 actors and actresses emerge."

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